

THE INSURANCE SECRETS

INTERESTING TESTIMONY TAKEN
BY THE COMMITTEE.

Goodsell of the Insurance Spectator Make \$1,500—The Checks Shown to the Committee—Mr. Miller Accused of Hunting for Perquisites—Interesting Disclosures.

Lucien Barnes testified—Was clerk in the Insurance Department during Miller's administration. I examined the State Fire Insurance Company of Cleveland on the 20th of March, 1889. Was paid \$50, which was intended to cover expenses. I also examined the Commercial Mutual of Cleveland in 1887. Was paid for that \$3.50. Never examined any other companies.

To Mr. Tohey—Was never paid any other sum. I was not paid \$150 to \$175, as testified by Bearle. I gave Miller my expenses, and the company paid them back to me.

4 FOREIGN COMPANY EXAMINED

E. C. Fisher, President of the Anchor Life Insurance Co., said that he had written a letter to the company and examined in February 1891. Southwick and Gray had the examination. It took from ten to twelve days. He paid Southwick \$300 for that examination. I told him it was a large charge, but paid it, nevertheless. I drew a check and cashed it myself. James H. Good said that he had written a letter to the company. I had my certificate. I told him I had not. He said he hoped I would hurry up, as he wanted to put it in the *Spectator*. I told him I could not get it sooner than

Miller would give it. He said perhaps he could get it and asked how much I would give for it. I said I would be willing to pay \$1,500 for it, as I was interested in very bad fakes. I was a little unable to do any thing until I got the certificate. He accepted my proposition, and I gave him a check for \$1,500. (Witness here exhibited checks, together with check books and stubs to checks.) That was all I paid. This \$1,500 was paid to get the certificate of the report.

BY THE MONEY WAS PAID.
By Mr. Tobey.—For what reason did you pay the money to Goodsell?
Mr. Miller.—I do not see the pertinency of the question. If we are to go into reasons for acts, we can go no end to evidence of that character.
Witness.—My reason for paying this amount was that my business was at a stand-still, and Goodsell assured

me at college the report. I paid the money after the report was handed to me by Southwick. I had no idea that any special effort was being made. Southwick told me at the time that I must not suppose a dollar was to go to Miller. It was to pay for trouble he (Goodsell) would be to; I do not know but I could have given the report at a less price. I did not think it was actually necessary to pay this sum to Goodsell. I paid the money out of my own pocket and the Financial Committee

the company has not yet approved of the transaction. I knew

GOODSELL AND MILLER.

were on intimate terms. Mr. Goodsell asked me to subscribe to a bond for \$100,000. I was known as the Miller Life Insurance Co. before the Legislature in 1897. I declined, as mine was a foreign company. The Superintendent of the Insurance Department can inform

Cross-examined by Mr. Miller—I received only one certificate. I endeavored to get another more favorable certificate. Sent our counsel, who was a personal friend of yours, to get another. You stated to me that the insurance rendered no benefit when you were given a certificate. You also afterward told me you could not give me another and better certificate.

Witness here explained why he had been absent from the meeting of the committee. He had met with an accident, and his injuries were such that he was unable to attend.

Mr. Miller submitted to witness a report made in the case of his company, and took occasion to say that he would object to Mr. Barnes seeing

it, as he a counsel for a rival company. He then proceeded to speak of the great damage that could be done a company, and through the company the public, by the divulgement of the secrets. Where a public officer ought know all such secrets, and could make a good and proper use of them, an agent of a rival company could make a bad and improper use

SECOND MORTGAGES SECURED.

The examination showed that there were second mortgages offered, and witness explained that they were abundantly secured.

Witness continued—I told Mr. Goodsell I would not pay a cent to the department for a certificate. I paid

The examination here closed, and Mr. Mill then read the certificate which he had granted and also one written by Mr. Fisher and sought to be obtained, but which was not granted. The latter endorsed the honesty as well as the ability of the manager of the company. Mr. Miller said in conclusion that no affidavits had been

Mr. Barnes made issue as to these documents being kept secret. They were all public property, open to public examination.

THE LAW.

Mr. Miller in response, proposed to read the

The Chairman of the committee thought unnecessary.

John D. Parsons, Jr., testified that he had recollection of a conversation with Superintendent Miller as to the federal and military police of the city. Superintendent Parsons of the Insurance Department. He met Miller at a party Littlefield's. Miller called him aside and asked him if

This was about the time of his confirmation as Superintendent. He also said something about printing requisites. After the appointment of Miller, Southwick told me we would have to pay a percentage on work coming from the Insurance Department. About the time Miller was going to Europe, Southwick wanted to go to Europe, and he was planning to go.

Cross-examined by Miller—The first time I saw you was at the party at Littlefield's. It was just after your appointment with me. You spoke to me and offered you \$1,000 a week. I told you I did not know of Barnes getting more than his salary. You also told me not to take any one of your questions. Some time afterwards

I told my father of it. Also Judge Woolford, late Deputy Superintendent of the Insurance Department. My father told me of the arrangement with Southwick to pay a percentage for the Insurance Department printing. He was to receive 25 per cent on the accounts. Never had been in percentage business until we came into contact with Southwick. That was not several years ago; it had been on since our case came into the Department, South-

brought back one check, saying he could not get you
certify to our bill. That was about the time you left
Europe. We were told you would take the work aw-
way from us unless we paid the commission. We had the
work under contract. Know the Superintendent has a
right to take the work away from any one having a con-
tract. Still it had been done by previous Democratic
officers. Work was diverted from our office by suc-
cessful officers.

THE PRINTING CONTRACT.
Mr. Miller read a notification from Weed, Parsons & Co. served on him, to the effect that he held a contract to do the printing of his department, and expected to continue doing it.
Weed, Parsons & Co. had six weeks after the fire which destroyed our office, and when we were pressed for money, Southwick came and wanted us to go

Miller here asked for the production of books and claimed that this percentage was not for insurance printing at all; he said it was in evidence that this firm owed Southwick some \$3,000 at the very time witness says he asked advance payments made to him, and which were refused.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

J. Sydensbriker's store in Greenburgh, K
Loss, \$15,000.

The Ready Roofing Company's factory, Ea

No. 41 Bowery, Wm. Parker's coffee and calumet store, 400 N. York and Lexington streets, Newark, N. J., insured.

Cake saloon of Mr. Parker, (basement) 41 Bowery, \$300. First floor lager beer saloon of V. Normark, \$200; building \$400.

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME.

The jury in the case of Azro B. Bartholomew on trial for the murder of Charles F. Sizer of Chelsea, Mass., on the 17th of February last, yesterday returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. Exceptions were filed and the case goes to the Supreme Court.

On the night of the 6th of December last, Thomas McGrath, of 52 Madison street, was knocked down and robbed at Madison and Jauncey streets by James O'Brien. Yesterday Officer John Harris arrested O'Brien, and he was committed by Justice Dowling to default of \$1,000 bail.

Dennis Callaghan, laborer, aged 51, native of Ireland, this day was in New England, was found

Mary Fay, aged 36, native of Ireland, living with her husband at 169 East Broadway, was taken to Bellevue Hospital yesterday morning, suffering from

Last night there was a fight in the blacksmith shop of Gustavus Fuller, 76 King street. The combatants

ants were Alvinare and his wife Johanna on the outside, and Albert Kirkland, of 21 West Houston street on the other. Kirkland struck Johanna over the head with his fist, when he was knocked down by Justice. A war of iron, and John's protruding stomach with three or four ribs broken, and Johanna's wounds as severe. All of the belligerents were locked up in the Greenwich street station.